

Bio Art and Distributed Agency

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Bioartistic Modes

- Investigative
- Critical
- Spectacular

Eduardo Kac - Alba



Bok - Xenotext

The Xenotext is my nine-year long attempt to create an example of “living poetry.” I have been striving to write a short verse about language and genetics, whereupon I use a “chemical alphabet” to translate this poem into a sequence of DNA for subsequent implantation into the genome of a bacterium (in this case, a microbe called *Deinococcus radiodurans*—an extremophile, capable of surviving, without mutation, in even the most hostile milieus, including the vacuum of outer space).

CAE – Free Range Grain



Hirst – Small Intestine (Biopsy Paintings) (inkjet glass blades)



Testo Junkie - Preciado

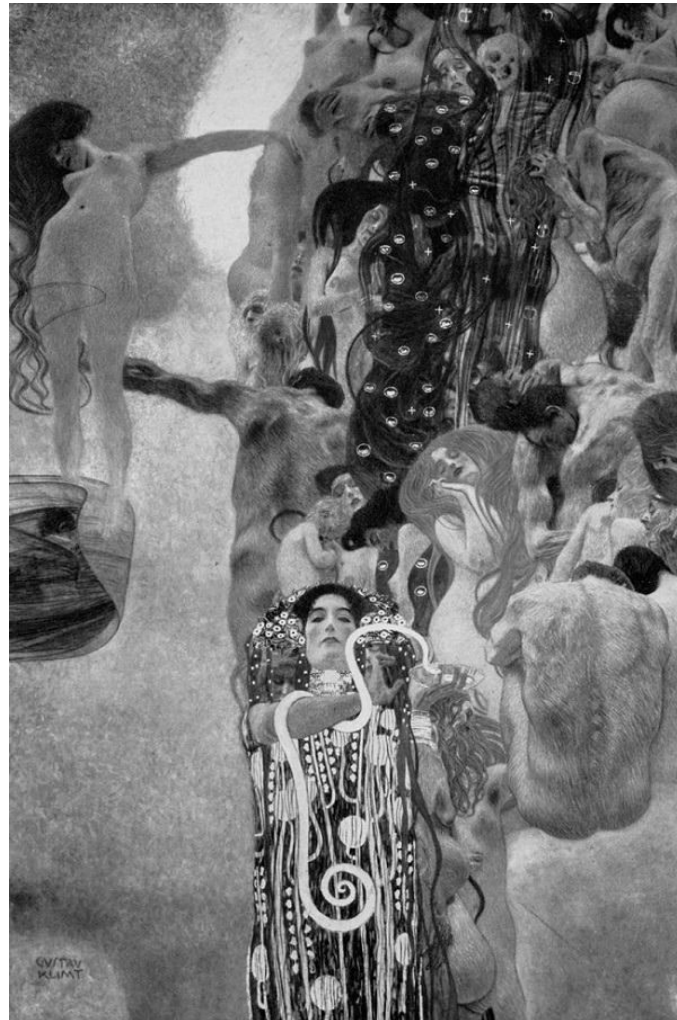
“Preciado's diaristic account of his own use of testosterone every day for one year, and its mesmerizing impact on his body as well as his imagination.”

Interferon - Miroslav Holub

Always just one demon in the attic.
Always just one death in the village. And the dogs
howling in that direction. And from the other end
the new-born child arrives, the only one
to fill the empty space in that wide air.

Likewise also cells infected by a virus
send out a signal all around them and defences
are mobilised so that no other virus
has any hope just then of taking root
or changing fate. This phenomenon
is known as interference.

Gustav Klimt - Medicine



Erasmus Darwin – Temple of Nature

Organic life beneath the shoreless waves
Was born and nurs'd in ocean's pearly caves;
First forms minute, unseen by spheric glass,
Move on the mud, or pierce the watery mass;
These, as successive generations bloom,
New powers acquire and larger limbs assume;
Whence countless groups of vegetation spring,
And breathing realms of fin and feet and wing.

Optimal Health Technologies Institute – Giselle Zatonyl



Margaret Cavendish

What Atomes Make A Consumption.

THE Atomes sharpe, when they together
meet,

They grow so hot, all other Atomes beate.

And being hot, becomes so very dry,

They drinke Lifes moisture up, make motion
dye.

Shaykh Nefwazi – Perfumed Garden

Know, O Vizir (and God protect you!), that if you wish for coition, in joining the woman you should not have your stomach loaded with food and drink, only in that condition will your cohabitation be wholesome and good. If your stomach is full, only harm can come of it to both of you; you will have threatening symptoms of apoplexy and gout, and the least evil that may result from it will be the inability of passing your urine, or weakness of sight.

Keats – Ode to a Nightingale

Thou wast not born for death, immortal Bird!
No hungry generations tread thee down;
The voice I hear this passing night was heard
In ancient days by emperor and clown:
Perhaps the self-same song that found a path
Through the sad heart of Ruth, when, sick for
home,
She stood in tears amid the alien corn;
The same that oft-times hath
Charmed magic casements, opening on the
foam
Of perilous seas, in faery lands forlorn.

GynePunk

“The Catalan collective GynePunk wants to decolonize the female body. To this end, it is developing first-aid gynecological tools, for socially disadvantaged women, refugees, sex workers. But also for themselves



Blood and Feathers - Mendieta



Hans Arp – Enak's Tears (Terrestrial Forms)



Eakins – The Gross Clinic



The Metamorphosis of Plants - Goethe

THOU art confused, my beloved, at, seeing the
thousandfold union

Shown in this flowery troop, over the garden dispers'd;
any a name dost thou hear assign'd; one after another

Falls on thy list'ning ear, with a barbarian sound.
None resembleth another, yet all their forms have a
likeness;

Therefore, a mystical law is by the chorus proclaim'd;
Yes, a sacred enigma! Oh, dearest friend, could I only

Happily teach thee the word, which may the mystery
solve!